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together with

"THE HIGH MOUNTAIN"

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Young Marksmen from Mark XXI, Derby, taking a breather while overlooking Lady Bower Dam, Derbyshire.
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'In the Picture'

IT IS RARE for any article to run to more than four pages in a normal number of the JOURNAL. This does not indicate a word-shortage on the part of contributors, but is done deliberately in deference to today's trend towards 'boiling-down' and presenting 'digests'. Once in a while, as in the present number, the occasion demands a far fuller treatment and it is to be hoped that the sight of increased wordage will not deter a single reader from discovery of the tale unfolded.

The theme of this year's Annual Report is "The High Mountain" and in its earliest pages this sentence occurs:—

"The Everest story will strike a chord in the hearts of Toc H men because we believe that for every man there is a high mountain of the Spirit that is there to be climbed, and that Toc H is intended of God to help many men to set out on that great expedition."

Thereafter, all the factual items which follow can be seen in their true perspective, mainly as the work of "little teams of men calling themselves Toc H Branches".

There are indications that the Movement today stands on the threshold of great developments, but it is true to say that, whatever the proposals put forward by the Forward Committee and adopted by the Central Council, it will be the 'man-in-the-Branch' who will decide whether or not next year's Report will be a chronicle of higher altitudes gained on 'The High Mountain'.

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Elsewhere in this issue are published the results of a Readers' Quiz competition. The response, while not so large as we had optimistically hoped for, came from readers all over the country and provided most helpful indication of the value placed on the varying 'ingredients' in these pages. Many valuable suggestions accompanied the entries and it is hoped, where possible, to adopt those which are most likely to assist in keeping readers even more 'in the picture'.

Rediscovering Toc H

4—More about the Four Points

II. SERVICE—"TO BUILD BRAVELY"

To make of these Groups, Branches and Houses centres from which men of all conditions may serve their fellows. Their task is not to compete with existing organisations but to supplement and reinforce them.

Members are called upon—

To give personal service.

To study local and international conditions and their effect on men's lives.

To challenge their generation to seek the will of Christ in the solution of all problems. As one means to this end, to make possible a Staff which shall serve the Movement as a whole in its world-wide adventure for the Kingdom of God.

THE EXPRESSION *personal service* has, I think, a double meaning. Firstly, in principle we don't give away money in order that professional workers may be enabled to serve; we do things ourselves. It is true that most Branches undertake some money-raising from time to time as part of their scheme of service to the community and that, unfortunately, some do far too much of this, so that it becomes an easy way of evading the responsibility and effort of helping people directly. But on the whole, Toc H members are taught to give *themselves* and you can do that even in a money-raising effort if you are really working for the money. The second meaning is that what we do should bring about a personal relationship between ourselves and those whom we serve. All sorts of different jobs come our way and it isn't a bad test, when a fresh one is being considered, to enquire whether it is *personal* service in this sense or not. We ought not to be money-raisers and 'office-boys' all the time. However, we must beware of taking too limited a view about Service. If it is true that Toc H is a way of living of which Fellowship is a part, then Service must be a part also. Someone has said that "Jobs are only the small-change of Service."

Service is life itself." This idea has helped many a member to put Toc H into practice in the daily work for which he is paid as well as in his spare-time. One of today's greatest needs is for people who will do their daily work humbly and simply, whatever it may be, in the true spirit of this Second Point.

Under the First Point we are called upon to foster a wide human interest in the lives and needs of our fellows, and under the Second Point, to study local and international conditions and their effect on men's lives. Neither calls for purely academic study or the acquiring of knowledge for its own sake. Getting a grasp of local conditions may mean learning about quite a number of technical matters, for example, facts connected with water-supply, housing, drainage, local government, finance and a host of others; when we think about a foreign country we shall not neglect its geography and climate, its history, politics and economics; but what we are pursuing are not these facts themselves but their effects on the lives of people. Toc H is interested in men, not in things.

The Annual Report for 1952 (published in the JOURNAL for April, 1953) had some pungent and disturbing things to say about this question of study and also about the call to challenge our generation to seek the will of Christ in the solution of all problems. It should be read and re-read as a frank assessment by a keen intellect of the extent to which the Movement does in fact carry out its declared objects in these respects. Incidentally the report contains abundant evidence that there is still plenty of scope for voluntary service in the Welfare State and that everything in the Second Point is just as true today as when it was written.

III. FAIRMINDEDNESS—"TO THINK FAIRLY"

To bring the expert to the unit, hearing him and asking him questions; to listen hospitably and humbly to every-man's story, and to help the truth to prevail.

Members are called upon—

To find their own convictions, to influence the formation of public opinion, and thus to replace social and racial antagonisms by intelligent understanding.

These few lines together with the allusions to study which we have already noticed are the 'terms of reference' for all Branch Programme Secretaries, though to judge by some of the results a good many of them must have forgotten the fact. We have speakers and discussions at our meetings, not merely

for entertainment or even in quest of education for its own sake, but in pursuit of Fellowship, Service and Fairmindedness. This last quality is one to which it is easy to pay lip-service without realising what is involved. What Toc H is saying to us is that we can't have Fairmindedness without knowledge. We cannot have any worthwhile opinions on anything about which we are ill-informed.

To find our own convictions is about the biggest job which some of us could possibly be given. Many thousands of people—and surely that must mean *someone* who is reading these words!—have never really 'thought things out', perhaps because the need to do so has never occurred to them. They must find a lot in life which doesn't 'make sense'. A world in which there seem to be no guiding principles except scientific or political ones, no moral restraints except those imposed by law (if you are likely to be caught), no loving Father with a plan for life to give happiness and peace, and nothing to look forward to after death, must be pretty grim. No wonder we are plagued with industrial unrest, juvenile and adult crime, international distrust. Toc H does not dictate to men what they shall accept, but it does say to them, think it out, find out what you believe—and then keep hold of that. It also offers a theory presented in practical terms, the best proof of the theory being to try it. Those who try it will find that it is true.

Everyone agrees that "faith without works is dead". In this compass-point Toc H adds the suggestion that works without faith aren't much good, either. Just as it may be a painful process shedding our prejudices, so it is likely to be a hard matter acquiring real faith, especially as "to help the truth to prevail" may be harder still. Much of the life of the Movement is so pleasant and easy-going that we are inclined to leave this inconvenient requirement in oblivion, but according to Blake, whose hymn we often sing, Jerusalem will not be built in England's green and pleasant land without unceasing *mental* fight on our part.

IV. THE KINGDOM OF GOD— "TO WITNESS HUMBLy"

To spread the Gospel without preaching it.

Members are called upon—

To recognise the spiritual nature of Man and to demonstrate that a life of Fellowship, Service and Fairmindedness bears better witness than any spoken word.

The first of these phrases is famous as a brief description of our aim, but it is nevertheless often misunderstood. Our Lord bade his disciples *preach* the Gospel and some men who have felt the call to do likewise (for example, padres and lay-readers) have become uneasy about their Toc H membership. However, taken in its context the meaning is clear enough. This is, after all, a *statement* of the aims of the Movement as a whole, according to which Toc H and its body of members are to witness humbly to their faith by the kind of things they do and the kind of people they become, rather than by talking about it. Some will preach because that is their gift, or because what is in them must come out in words or they will burst, and their witness will be all the truer for the practical working out of the Gospel to which their membership will have led them. But most of us will try to find other ways of spreading what faith we have.

There are many things which might be said about the Kingdom of God and about that all-important word *humbly*, which we have now seen twice. I shall try to say some of them later on, but let us end our present look at the *Four Points* by noting how the fourth refers to each of the other three, just as each of the three clearly runs through all the others. No one may say of Toc H, this or that point attracts me and I will pursue it, the other things are all right but I need not bother about them. You can't divide it into watertight compartments, you must take it—or leave it—as a whole. In this Fourth Point we are told quite clearly that this is a life to be lived, and that it is to include Fellowship and Service and Fair-mindedness and loyalty to the Kingdom of God.

M.B.E.

FROM THE BENCH

Mr. Justice Stable, in the course of his summing-up of a recent civil action at Bedfordshire Assizes, said it struck him as he listened to the case that one read of all the evil and filth that was frequently served up for their particular delectation in some newspapers. But what a pity it was that they did not hear more about the sort of work that had been done in hospitals like Stoke Mandeville, of the members of Toc H, who made it their duty to brighten the lives of the poor crippled people there.

Multum in Parvo

~or much in little

✚ The Officers of Toc H now include as PRESIDENTS of the Association: Lieut.-General Sir EDMUND HERRING (President of Toc H in Australia) and Lord ROWALLAN (The Chief Scout, formerly a Vice-President of Toc H); and as VICE-PRESIDENTS of the Association: The Rt. Rev. CUTHBERT BARDSLEY, Bishop of Croydon, and DAVID S. SHEPPARD, Test Match cricketer and ordinand.

✚ The CENTRAL COUNCIL will be holding its annual meeting in Derbyshire on May 15 and 16. Included in its business there will be the consideration of the Annual Report and Accounts (published herewith) and the report of the Forward Committee. An account of the proceedings will be given in the July JOURNAL.

✚ The CENTRAL COUNCILLORS elected by Branches go out of office after this year's annual meeting and are eligible for re-election. Candidates for election to the Council for 1954-56 are to be nominated by Branches by May 31.

✚ WRITE in good time, if you wish to attend any of the Area events listed below—to the Area Secretary concerned (see list in Annual Report).

✚ AREA FESTIVALS AND RALLIES will be held this year on:

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| May | 8. | Lincolnshire, at Lincoln. |
| | 8. | London Sports, at Battersea Park. |
| | 22. | East Midlands, at Leicester. |
| | 29. | Lakeland, at Workington. |
| June | 7. | Notts & Derby, at Chatsworth Park. |
| | 12. | Kent, at Tunbridge Wells. |
| | 13. | East Anglia, at Saffron Walden. |
| | 19. | Marches Division, at Shrewsbury. |
| | 26. | West Midlands, at Hereford. |
| July | 10. | Northern, at Durham. |
| Oct. | 16. | Oxford & Thames Valley, at Abingdon. |

✚ The next TOC H FESTIVAL in London, April 23-24, 1955.

Tubby's Pancake Party

THIS YEAR the party on Pancake Day—the first of its kind since 1949—was Tubby's own. John Durham and his helpers had done all that was necessary to assemble a crowd of some four hundred men in the Conway Hall; but it was unquestionably Tubby's evening.

Perhaps it was fitting, after all these years, that Toc H should return to Red Lion Square on such a night, for it was at No. 36 in the Bright New Year of 1920 that Tubby had kept open house. Indeed, as the programme reminded us, it was from a top window of No. 36 that a label had dangled down to the porch bearing the inscription, in Tubby's handwriting—"Toc H. Talbot House, once of Poperinghe and Ypres".

The evening's events started in fine style, on time—or nearly so—with the Toc H male voice choir, under their versatile conductor, Reg Everett, giving items from their repertoire. To the surprise and delight of many present, the choir included a rendering of the "Hallelujah Chorus" in a special setting for male voices.

The Ceremony of Light was led by Tubby, followed immediately by the initiation of three new members—Captain D. M. Penrose, District Commissioner of Scouts for Shoreditch, Sir Lionel Thompson, Deputy Master of the Royal Mint, and Robert Guy, one of Tubby's A.D.C.'s.

Lieut.-Colonel W. R. ('Tosher') Elliot, Chairman of the Overseas Advisory Panel of Toc H, was then introduced by Tubby and invited to speak his mind about Toc H as he had found it, at home and overseas. 'Tosher' did so. He spoke of his eight months' experience of working at Francis Street and Tower Hill, and of the true comradeship he had found at both centres. He appealed for a revival of sporting activities in the Movement and, in particular, for a resuscitation of the rugby club. On a more serious note, 'Tosher' spoke eloquently of the need for more discipline—self-discipline—in the world today, and the peculiar contribution that Toc H could make towards relieving the troubles of our times.

The floor in front of the stage then being cleared for the "pancake grease", twenty or more hefty young men, mostly recruited from the London Marks, made their appearance. Clad in all kinds and colours of sporting and other kit, they lined up for the fray. A young student chef from the P. M. Boys' Club, Richard Tibbo, at Tubby's behest tossed the pan-



'A mass of whirling arms'

cake into the throng, and ran as if for his life. For the next two minutes or so nothing was seen of the contestants but a whirling mass of seemingly unrelated arms and legs, in the best Westminster School tradition.

So close was the result that it took the Deputy Master of the Mint some little time to decide that the largest portion of the pancake was held by Michael Randolph of Mark XX (Putney). He, for his exertions, received from Tubby the historic framed 10s. note (of untold value) printed by Baden Powell in the year 1900, during the famous defence of Mafeking.

By way of light relief to this exciting event five members of the choir demonstrated their versatility by indulging in a concerted item entitled "Jobs", or "If I were not in the Toc H Choir, something else I'd like to be". This was

evidently much to the liking of the audience whose demand for an encore had to be denied because of the tightly packed programme.

Tubby then introduced three of his friends, all members of Toc H. Firstly, Colonel Robin Gold, Boy Scouts International Commissioner, who spoke about the close relationship between Scouting and Toc H. He pointed to the strong similarity of aims of the two Movements, and threw out some useful suggestions for jobmasters.



Tubby presenting the trophy

Next, John Callf, newly appointed Administrator of Toc H. John is already well-known to many members: but this was the first all-London event since he took office and it was thus an appropriate occasion for the warm and upstanding welcome he received. John spoke of the unconventional society of which he had long been a member, and of the great value of the unconventional approach within the Christian family.

He told the story of a very unorthodox young man who, thirty years before, had made Toc H

history by bringing Gilbert Williams into the Movement.

Lastly, Tubby introduced David Sheppard, Test Cricketer and Ordination Candidate. David, like 'Tosher', took self-discipline as his theme. Discipline, he said, was a prime requirement in the Christian life; and, in developing his theme, he gave a simple but practical rule for its application, during Lent and beyond. His remarks led naturally into our homegoing Prayers.

One item in a crowded programme has yet to be mentioned—the singing, led lustily by Tubby, of that irreverent medieval song for so long the anthem of Toc H—"Rogerum".

What is the recipe for a successful Pancake Party? Take the male voice choir; twenty or so rough-and-tumblers (greased and well-squeezed); three or four sound speakers; lots of Tubby and a flavouring of "Rogerum". Throw in John Durham; mix well and stir deeply. G.R.H.

Football Broadcasts

THE BRISTOL CITY SUPPORTER was upset. "Seen every game since I was a nipper. Now I've got to go into hospital and I'll miss at least six matches. It's too bad . . ." But it was not really as bad as all that. Near his hospital bedside were earphones. On Saturday afternoon he put them on and this is what he heard:

"Good afternoon hospitals. This is your own exclusive programme coming to you direct from the City ground. It's a sunny day, the turf is in excellent condition and we have only one team change . . ." His smile broadened as he listened to the kick-by-kick commentary of an exciting game. So did about three thousand other patients in twelve Bristol hospitals, including the Old Folks' Home.

They listen-in every Saturday, thanks to the public spiritedness of Toc H, in conjunction with Rediffusion, the managements of Bristol City and Bristol Rovers and a happy panel of fourteen local sportsmen, journalists, schoolmasters, clerks and commercial travellers who on Saturdays become amateur broadcasters.

Policeman's idea

How did it all start? For the answer we must go south to Portsmouth where, about four years ago, a sympathetic police inspector seized a microphone and relayed his commentary of Portsmouth's home game to a large overflow crowd locked out of the ground.

The police inspector, a member of Toc H, carried on the practice until the crowds became unmanageable but adapted the idea, with the assistance of the local Rediffusion service, and started sending commentaries to the local hospitals.

Plymouth were the next to follow the lead. Then, early

in 1952, a letter was dropped into the mail box at Bristol's Toc H offices in **Charlotte Street**. Rediffusion suggested a similar scheme might be introduced for the city's hospitals.

Immediately a committee was formed by members backed by representatives of the local soccer clubs and one or two hospitals, and, of course, Rediffusion. Under Mr. John Gummow, secretary of Bristol Rovers, people who had never even seen a microphone before were enlisted as commentators.



FOOTBALL BROADCAST from the Bristol City football ground to Bristol hospitals being made by (left to right) Mr. P. J. Howarth, Mr. G. Rose and Mr. B. Davies

Gradually more hospitals were brought into the scheme by Rediffusion, who reduced the cost of making one such broadcast to only £2 a week.

How is the broadcasting done? Three of the panel cover

one match, taking it in turns as nearly two hours' commenting would be too exhausting for one person. By private telephone line, their descriptions are relayed from the ground to Rediffusion in Old Market Street, where technicians amplify it and "push it out" along the fourteen private lines connected with the hospitals. Patients wearing earphones tune in at a given time to obtain the commentary.

A years' broadcasting in this way costs the organisers about £300, including the hire of lines. Generous grants from both football supporters' clubs and the hospitals, backed by appeals and collections made on the grounds, provide the money.

The willingness and enthusiasm the happy band of broadcasters bring to their self-imposed task are admirable. No, they don't get shoals of letters, but they don't mind. They continue their work, confident in the knowledge that those now familiar words "Hello, hospitals . . ." have meant many a pleasant hour for those football fans unable to join the Saturday afternoon crowds on the terraces of the local soccer grounds. Even the mighty resources of the B.B.C. would be hard pressed to give greater satisfaction in such a field.

Reprinted from the Bristol Evening Post.

'Take 25 Children . . .'

DICK was full of remorse and the Branch agreed with him that something should be done about it. Dick had invited a speaker from the International Help for Children to speak to the young men's club at his church. Only three people had turned up.

Someone said "Let's form a committee to discuss ways of helping this organisation." Another added "Let's get the ladies in on it." It was agreed, and the Secretary cast his eyes round the circle until they came to rest on me. My heart sank and I felt distinctly unwell as a hollow voice intoned the invitation to take the job on. I smiled weakly and as the voice went on to 'next business' I realised that I'd taken it on.

Later, having recovered from the shock, I collared Dick together with two members of the Women's Association and

we held a meeting at my house. We decided to hold a joint meeting with the ladies and invite the speaker, John Barclay, down again.

This time the ladies outnumbered the men and Mr. Barclay was well and truly 'mobbed'. Having told us about his work he was bombarded with questions. "What can Toc H do?" he was asked. The recipe ran "Take twenty-five children and then form a committee from representatives of local organisations to receive the children into Enfield for a three months' holiday. Take no thought of money, that will come."

Our small temporary Committee was dissolved. My terms of reference were (a) to form a committee and (b) to receive twenty-five refugee children. With much encouragement and many helpful suggestions from the Branch, I set to. Our joint meeting with the ladies had taken place on July 14. On December 9, a meeting of all the interested parties in Enfield was called and the whole staff of I.H.C., three people, came to help us launch the new Committee. Fifteen people were present and nine separate organisations represented. The committee formed from the meeting consisted of representatives or members from Toc H, Toc H Women's Association, Rotary, Round Table, Ladies' Circle, two Women's Institutes, and the Enfield Council of Churches.

Down to business

The committee got down to business the same evening and a campaign was planned with two major objects, to provide (a) foster parents for the children and (b) money to finance the scheme.

Appeal forms for foster parents were printed, and 5,000 were circulated through committee members and their organisations and friends. Notices were put in the local Press. After a slow start offers are now coming in rapidly. We are over half-way there. The children are coming from a refugee camp near Hanover in Germany and their ages range from eight to fourteen.

With the assistance of a kindly theatrical agent, the committee is putting on a variety show at the Wood Green Empire on March 21 and a number of West End stars will be giving their services entirely free. The committee hopes to cover most of the cost of the scheme in this way. It costs £15 per child.

L.E.F.

Branch Briefs from all quarters

- ◆ A village survey is being made by BILSINGTON (Kent).
- ◆ 'Twenty Questions' is a popular feature at the monthly socials held by KIDDERMINSTER for blind people.
- ◆ To raise £300 to take 200 children to a summer camp an Easter Fair is being run by MANCHESTER.
- ◆ An ASHBY (Leics.) member's badge brought a tribute to Toc H from Wilfred Pickles during a recent 'Have-a-Go' show.
- ◆ A display-stand produced by SITTINGBOURNE was an effective feature at the town's recent "Citizens at Leisure" exhibition.
- ◆ 2,000 eggs were collected for the local hospital during a campaign organised by TEIGNMOUTH.
- ◆ A manequin parade proved a highly successful item when OTLEY entertained 130 older residents of the town.
- ◆ A house-warming celebrated the moving-in of RAMSGATE to new quarters at Curtis House.
- ◆ A "Cuckoo in the Nest" shop window competition organised by SCARBOROUGH aroused great interest and realised over £60 for the Family Purse.
- ◆ Members from seven neighbouring Branches were amongst the 300 guests present at the Coming-of-Age party given by CHICHESTER on February 16.
- ◆ Seventy blind folk and their friends were entertained at a tea party given by WESTON-SUPER-MARE in March.
- ◆ An arts and crafts exhibition is being organised by CHELSFIELD (Kent).
- ◆ A challenge shield was presented to Greton Flight, 1152 Squadron, A.T.C., at GREYNA'S Birthday Guest-night.
- ◆ For the seventh year running, parties for both child and adult patients have been given by WINDSOR at Heatherwood T.B. Hospital.

The Elder Brethren

There be of them that have left a name behind them. And some there be which have no memorial. But these were merciful men, whose righteousness hath not been forgotten. Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth for evermore.—Ecclesiasticus. xlv.

BATCHELAR.—On January 27, ROBERT BATCHELAR ('Batch'), aged 74, formerly of Mark II and a member of Wimbledon Branch. Elected 25.1.'29.

CHAPMAN.—On November 10, FREDERICK JOHN CHAPMAN, aged 55, a member of Bardney Branch. Elected 5.8.'48.

CREWE.—On December 18, GEORGE CREWE, aged 69, a member of Portishead Branch. Elected 28.11.'52.

DAVIES.—On February 19, in a motor car accident near Winchester, the Rev. HERBERT CECIL DAVIES, M.B.E., M.C., Q.I.C., Assistant Chaplain-General, Southern Command, aged 58, a foundation member. Elected 1.1.'21.

EASTMEAD.—On January 18, the Rev. STANLEY JAMES EASTMEAD, aged 61, a member of Bradford Branch. Elected 21.11.'31.

HOGG.—On February 7, ERNEST CLEVELAND HOGG, aged 66, a founder member of Eston Branch. Elected 28.4.'26.

LONG.—On September 1, WILLIAM ALBERT HENRY LONG, aged 61, a member of Abertillery Branch. Elected 27.7.'40.

MACKINTOSH.—On February 10, Colonel GEORGE MACKINTOSH, C.B., C.B.E., D.L., aged 94, a member of Nairn Branch. Elected 17.12.'41.

MEWSE.—On January 22, JOSEPH MEWSE, aged 66, a member of Beckley Branch. Elected 10.12.'39.

NEWBERY.—On December 14, HENRY NEWBERY, aged 63, a founder member of South Petherton Branch. Elected 18.11.'30.

PRESTON.—On September 13, SAMUEL HENRY PRESTON, aged 50, a member of Hammersmith Branch. Elected 1.1.'51.

RASDALL.—On January 25, as the result of an accident, RAYMOND HENRY RASDALL, aged 29, the Pilot of Glington Branch, Northants. Elected 18.1.'42.

REEVES.—On February 11, LAWRENCE WARWICK HORTON REEVES, aged 45, a member of Codsall Branch. Elected 15.12.'44.

URMSON.—On January 15, the Rev. JAMES OPIE URMSON, aged 72, a member of St. Ives Branch. Elected 8.6.'38.

WATERHOUSE.—On January 26, HARRY WATERHOUSE, aged 63, a member of Keighley Branch. Elected 29.7.'30.

WELLS.—On February 8, SYDNEY WELLS, aged 62, a member of Dalton-in-Furness Branch. Elected 1.8.'31.

WILLIAMS.—On January 31, W. EVAN WILLIAMS, ('Press'), aged 59, a member of Colwyn Bay Branch and the Clwyd-Conwy Divisional Executive. Elected 12.4.'34.



*When the sweet showers of April fall and shoot
Down through the drought of March to pierce the root . . .
Then people long to go on pilgrimages* CHAUCER.*

A WHITSUN PARTY

THE SOUTHERN AREA is sponsoring a visit to Talbot House during the Whitsun week-end. The party will leave London on the night of Friday, June 4, and return to London in time for breakfast on Tuesday, 8. The estimated cost, which does not include a tour of the Salient, is £10, and members and friends (men and women) from other areas will be very welcome. Enquiries or reservations should be sent to: *Mrs. A. Tett, Newlands, Money Hill Road, Rickmansworth, Herts.*

THE OTHER PARTIES

The Easter party is now full, but there is still room in No. 2 party leaving on May 29. The dates and costs of the other parties are as follows:

No. 3. June 11: £10 10s. 0d.	No. 9. July 30: £11 10s. 0d.
No. 4. June 19: £ 9 10s. 0d.	(Bank Holiday week-end)
No. 5. June 25: £10 15s. 0d.	No. 10. Aug. 7: £ 9 10s. 0d.
No. 6. July 2: £10 10s. 0d.	No. 11. Aug. 13: £10 10s. 0d.
No. 7. July 17: £ 9 10s. 0d.	No. 12. Aug. 28: £ 9 10s. 0d.

Applications, as usual, to Mrs. Tett. The week-ends of September 10 and September 24 have been reserved for parties from Guildford and Tunbridge Wells.

WOMEN ONLY

There are still some vacancies in the Women's Association pilgrimages on May 7/10 and August 20/23. Enquiries should of course be addressed to the Women's Association at Crutched Friars House, Crutched Friars, London, E.C.3.

G.M.

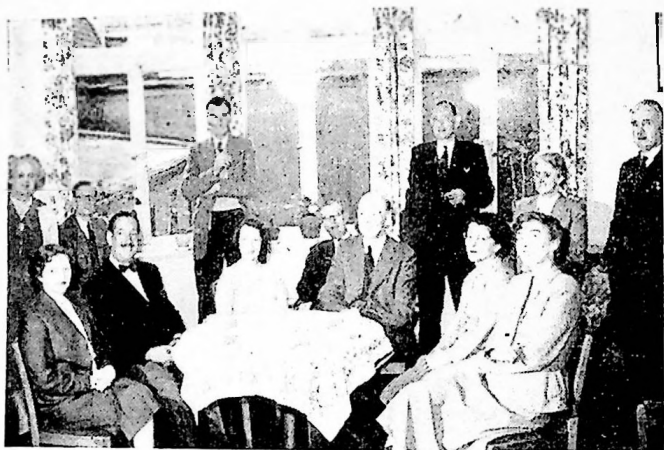
* *The Canterbury Tales*, Nevill Coghill's translation (Penguin)

Far Cry

Overseas Notes and News

SILENT SERVICE

IT IS PROBABLY my own fault that hitherto so little news of our Services work in Germany has appeared in the JOURNAL. A few weeks ago the Toc H Services Staff met in Bad Salzuflen for its annual conference and the arrival of one or two photographs supplies a good opportunity for making some sort of amends. A short time



Toc H Staff with B.A.O.R.

Front Row: PEGGY JOHNSTON, REX COLEMAN, JANE SCOTT, JIM ANDREWS, ANGUS JOHNSTON, KATE SIPKIN AND ANN VIDLER.

Back Row: 'PETE' PETERS, RON CLARKE, ALAN HILL, BILL GIBB, LYNN EARLS, AND JOHN VARVILL.

ago a young National Service Officer, not a member of Toc H, said to one of us here "The point about the Toc H Clubs is that you feel you are welcome, and that the staff are interested in you as a person, not just a customer. You wouldn't hesitate to go up and talk to them about any personal worry."

TRAINING THE VILLAGE WINGS

From time to time mention has been made in the JOURNAL of experiments in forming "wings" among a few of the village communities in the neighbourhood of Palamcottah, South India. At the end of last year a short training camp was held there, a description of which has been received from the Regional Secretary, Arthur Asirvatham—

Fifteen members from Manakad and eleven from Kalungudi attended the Camp. S. P. Rajendram, Chairman of the Region presided over all meetings of the Camp. R. D. Paul, the All India Commissioner, J. P. Joshua, the Regional Pilot and A. J. Sathiaaveeran, Secretary of the Madras Branch were the leaders of the various sessions.

The Camp began on Monday morning with a devotional meeting in the School Chapel led by J. Arthur Asirvatham, who spoke on "The Joy of God's Fellowship", while the first session in the forenoon was led by A. J. Sathiaaveeran who delivered an address on "Fellowship".

The afternoon session after lunch was led by R. D. Paul, when he made each member present answer individually the following questions (1) What made me join Toc H? (2) What has Toc H done to me? (3) What have I done in Toc H for others?

From 3 to 4 in the afternoon there was singing practice ably led by Rev. S. Mathuranayagam, an expert on Indian Carnatic music. An informal meeting of the South India Regional Executive was held simultaneously in another room. After tea there were some games interrupted by rain. Then at 5.30 p.m. the campers attended the Carol Service in the Cathedral organised by the Cathedral Sunday School—R. D. Paul preached the sermon.

The third Session was held from 7 to 8 p.m. when J. P. Joshua spoke on 'Service'.

There was a grand dinner at 8 p.m. to which all the members of the Palamcottah Branch and their wives and a few friends were invited as the guests of the Chairman. After dinner, community singing for the village friends led by Victor Dare and M. Chelliah and a Nativity Play in Tamil presented by the children of the orphanage from Porto Nova whom J. P. Joshua had brought with him.

On Tuesday at 5.30 a.m. there was corporate Communion in the Cathedral followed by a devotional meeting in the School Chapel at 6.30 a.m. led by Arthur Asirvatham.

The fourth session began at 8.10 a.m. when Joshua spoke on the "Kingdom of God". This was followed by discussion led by R. D. Paul who called upon the villagers to express their opinions freely, and come to a decision whether Toc H is to be established in the villages and spread to other villages. They were of one opinion that Toc H was absolutely necessary in villages. Their peculiar problems and difficulties were discussed, questions answered and a number of things pertaining to Toc H were explained. It was agreed that they should be made members of Toc H and necessary arrangements must be made to do so, and the whole matter is to be brought to the South India Regional Council.

The Palamcottah Branch held a model meeting in Tamil for the benefit of the villagers and at the conclusion of this session the Chairman thanked the persons responsible for the success of the camp. Rev. S. Keilpitshai, the Padre of the Manakad Wing led the final Intercession at 1 p.m. in the Chapel. After a sumptuous lunch the camp broke.

WHO ARE OUR LEADERS?

There are some leading figures in Toc H who are well known throughout the Movement, and there are many more who are not but who ought to be.



Sir ROBERT TREDGOLD, Acting Governor of Southern Rhodesia, recording a talk on Toc H for broadcasting

The fact that the last World Chain of Light began in Southern Rhodesia affords an ample excuse for mentioning one of the earliest members of Bulawayo Branch and now Acting Governor of Southern Rhodesia, Sir Robert Tredgold.

His faith in, enthusiasm for, and membership of Toc H has been sustained since the 1920's.

Prior to the World Chain of Light he broadcast a talk on Toc H from Salisbury and below is quoted an extract from the report which appeared in the *Rhodesia Herald*:

Light, he said, was the symbol of Toc H, a light that was lit in the First World War, by the sacrifice of the men who died in that war. There were some who had faith that the magnificent comradeship that had been so widespread during the long years of trial need not be lost. It sprang, they argued, from the sense that all were committed to a great common task, a task that demanded the renunciation of mean and selfish aims. If, then, men and women could be found ready to pledge themselves to unselfish service, might not that spirit manifest itself amongst them? That was the great experiment which Toc H had striven and was still striving to prove a living reality.

It takes, he said, its tradition from the Service men who laid down their lives in this and other wars and from all good and true men and women who counted not the cost in giving their lives for others.

Its membership was not confined to those who had served and all who were prepared to follow its gleam and to lend a hand in the work it had taken upon itself were accepted.

Toc H strove to serve every man in any field, it welcomed him to meetings and emphasised the bond of common humanity.

Yet there is an inner fellowship of like-minded men and women, drawn from every section of society, who accept in full the heavy obligations its membership lays upon them. Fundamentally, it is a spiritual movement, based on recognition of the fact that works are profitless unless inspired by a faith.

G.M.

Our Readers' Quiz

WHEN ANNOUNCING this competition in the January JOURNAL there was no accurate means of gauging the response. In more optimistic moments we had visions of a succession of postmen staggering up the steps of '47' with sacks of replies; but it didn't quite work out that way. Suffice to say that, for a couple of weeks, the Editorial postbag was a record one and that the entries came from very many quarters.

The biggest surprise, on checking the forms, was to find that 'Editorial Comment' headed the list with a substantial majority. This is most encouraging, as we had felt this feature to be often taken for granted and frequently unread.

Less surprise was occasioned by the high position accorded 'Multum in Parvo' (2) and 'Branch Briefs' (3), and the voting helped to endorse the belief that readers are, in the main, getting the kind of material they want.

The fact that 'Verse' (10) occupied bottom place told us, what we already knew, that this item appeals only to a minority of readers. All the same, from time to time we shall continue to print the 'cream' of such contributions.

It will be recalled that readers were invited to place ten selected features in the order in which they appealed to them. Here is the analysis of their choice:

1. EDITORIAL COMMENT
2. MULTUM IN PARVO
3. BRANCH BRIEFS
4. ARTICLES *concerned with Toc H*
5. FAR CRY. *Overseas Notes*
6. OPEN HUSTINGS. *Readers' Letters*
7. ARTICLES *on wider field*
8. A BAG OF BOOKS. *Reviews*
9. DESTINATION POPERINGHE
10. VERSE

No completely accurate entry being received, the book prizes have been awarded to the two nearest entrants: Eric C. Watkin, Wembley, and the Rev. G. R. Fooks, Manchester.

Further suggestions

In nearly every case the lists were accompanied by suggestions for further items for these pages. Many called for more Branch News, concise histories of Branches, details of the jobs they are doing and "up-to-date information" on their meeting places. This is a tall order, for with over 1,000 Branches in Britain alone, much extra space would be needed and a 'rationing' to, say, four per month would mean a queue stretching over some twenty years. Quite properly, the events in a Branch's life are of paramount importance to its own members, but the JOURNAL's task is to tell of those which hold the greatest interest to *all* members, everywhere.

From a Hereford reader came a call for a serialised history of Toc H in World War I, while a Surrey reader also asked for the earlier literature to be serialised. This field would appear to be reasonably covered already with *Tales of Talbot*

House, Plain Tales from Flanders and *The Birth of a Movement*, all of which are available to members in book form. In addition, Barkis is at present writing *Thirty Years On*, a history of the Movement from 1922 to the present time.

A Scottish reader gently chides the JOURNAL with avoiding controversial subjects and urges us to take a more realistic view of life, while another North British reader calls for more articles by experts, written in language understandable to the layman, with lists of books recommended for further study. The nearest we get to this in most issues is 'The Bag of Books' feature, but it cannot be over-stressed how greatly welcome are contributions from anyone who has something to say that is worth saying.

This brief summary by no means exhausts the list of the suggestions received, and all those readers who have made them are assured that their comments are being carefully considered and, wherever practicable, will be implemented.

CHES.

OTHONA, 1954.

The Community will meet again at Bradwell-on-Sea, Essex, from Saturday June 26 to Saturday September 11, in eleven weekly sessions. All sorts and conditions of men and women are warmly invited to join us for one or more weeks.

The charge for adults is £2 10s. 0d. per week; plus a 5s. 0d. booking fee for each week. For children, the charge is 30s. 0d. weekly plus the 5s. 0d. weekly booking fee.

Speakers and leaders this year will include Dr. G. F. MacLeod, (Founder of the Iona Community) Dr. E. V. Rieu, (the translator of the Gospels into modern English), Oliver Wilkinson and Leonard Morrison. Fuller details of speakers and their subjects will be published in next month's JOURNAL. but further information can be had immediately from Norman Motley, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1. (N.B. When booking or making enquiries please enclose a stamped, addressed, envelope.)

A Bag of Books

If unable to obtain any book reviewed in these pages from your local bookseller please contact Toc H Publications Dept. Where the cost of books is more than some members can afford, they can often be obtained through their local Public Library.

SHARING THE NEWS

Militant and Triumphant: By William Gowland. (Epworth Press, 3s. 6d.).

Here is a brief book by a padre who is a militant Christian. He knows that there is an 'iron curtain', as he puts it between the pew and the pavement and that the occupants of the pews have helped to forge it. He knows also that the human needs of people are the same on both sides of the curtain. He tells a simple story. He is not out to fill pews but to share a dynamic faith. In the story of the Priest workmen of the R.C. Church men were brought back to their Mass. In the story by a Methodist they are brought into contact with Jesus. The method is different, the objective the same. Each approach recognises that unless Christ is the Lord of the whole of life He is inadequate. Each approach is that of one sinner sharing good news with another sinner. Each is prepared to do the job and damn the consequences to himself or to his Church setup. H.L.

STILL HOPE

Tomorrow is already here. By Robert Jungk. (Rupert Hart-Davis) 16s.

Tomorrow is already here gives a number of first hand accounts of the impact of modern advances in technology on the lives of people. That the setting is America should not lead us into smug complacency. We are all in it together but in the contemporary American scene the dramatic effect stands out more clearly.

The book shows Man setting out to make Nature do his will, and in the process losing his identity as a person. With the tremendous technical advances of recent years comes a terrifying materialism and man's scientific achievements have

outrun his moral judgement. It's all too easy to blame the scientist for the evil that may come from the misuse of his discovery. When the Curies discovered Radium in 1898 they intended radioactivity to be used for the relief of suffering. So it is and can be perhaps more abundantly in the future, but if we choose to make atomic bombs, we mustn't put all the blame on the scientists for the consequences. Man has the choice—to destroy or to build: to put "people" or "things" first in importance.

Robert Jungk takes us to the men trying to fly faster and higher. As one of them says "Measured by the flying tasks which lie ahead of him, man is a faulty construction." So man must be made to fit the machine. We go to the laboratories where men work isolated from their fellows on secret atomic energy projects, never able to discuss their work with other people, scarcely able to leave the remote locality of the laboratories and testing grounds. We meet the men turning the desert into fertile land, making the clouds yield rain, trying to subjugate Nature. If Nature rebels? "There are always new answers to new questions," they say "there is nothing man cannot do." In the office and factory individuality is bargained for efficiency. The stop watch reduces each operation to the minimum of effort. "Electronic brains" work marvels with punched cards and almost convert office work into machine-minding. The advocates of these methods say they "free the human spirit by relieving it of routine labour", but in practice labour is losing its dignity and purpose.

What of the future? Does life go on and on, with people becoming less and less important? The author is not without hope and one can discern it running through the book mingled with his anger at the way things seem to be going. There are to-day advanced thinkers giving great attention to the problems that lie ahead. They see the present situation as a logical outcome of the fundamental discoveries made around the turn of the century. But, as one of them says "—in spite of everything, there is still hope." R.A.F.

DIG IN THE RIBS

This Merrie English. By Roger Rangemore. (Epworth Press 6s.)

Here is a thoroughly unreliable ramble through the wide field of English literature, in the manner of 1066 and *All That*.

New 'facts' adorn every page and one learns how "Fryer Tuck struck out a new line in literature by the invention of Christmas cards" and how the Ballads "were divided into two classes. Booseys were sung in ale houses and taverns, and Chappell's in places of worship."



'The coming of the Normans checked literature for a time'

Over fifty drawings by Sillince enrich and enliven this well-produced little book. It may well be that the text would gain even more from being read aloud—a hint here for possible use at Guest-nights.

The record has it that the all-wise Doctor Johnson once said, "The man who would make a pun would pick a pocket". Unless the potential reader is genuinely appalled by punning, there is a grave risk of his pocket being picked to the tune of six shillings by this light-hearted lark of a book. C.

SOLVING PROBLEMS

Citizens' Advice Bureaux in an Emergency (National Council of Social Service 6d.)

The story of the work which is still being done to help sufferers from last year's floods overcome "the swarm of doubts and uncertainties" which might have impeded their efforts to get on their feet again. This pamphlet tells how the Citizens' Advice Bureaux—a voluntary service set up to deal with war-time problems—have been able, time after time, to adapt themselves to sudden, new emergencies.

Open Hustings Letters to The Editor

The Editor welcomes letters on all matters concerning Toc H. For reasons of space the right is reserved to shorten letters received, but every effort is made to print a representative selection.

'Light'

DEAR EDITOR,

I hope that I. M. Taylor's letter in the February JOURNAL will not be taken as evidence that new members consider our Laurence Binyon verse in 'Light' has outlived its purpose. As an old visitor but quite recent member, I would testify to the power of those immortal lines in firing the imagination and commanding allegiance; it is not too much to say that they were a strong factor in anchoring one's loyalty into Toc H and to the 'great company of the past' which is our equivalent of the historic 'Communion of the saints'. No prose recital of the Resolution, however excellently worded, can ever compete with the spiritual glow of the present Light ceremony, which has long freed itself from attachment to any single epoch of war or peace.

This note is, of course, merely individual, but I have reason to know that Netherton Branch in the Black Country would not want to repudiate it.

MARTIN JOHNSON.

Selly Oak, Birmingham.

DEAR EDITOR,

I am a new member of a new Branch which has been in being for two and a half years. The first flush of enthusiasm has died down now as was expected. Some have fallen by the wayside, perhaps with good reason, but a hard core remains. I enjoy the companionship and listen to interesting speakers but considerable doubt as to the future of Toc H as presently constituted has arisen in my mind. For example—

The public at large believe (as I did) that Toc H is an ex-Servicemen's organisation. Why? Because all its literature talks of "Poperinghe", "the Old House", etc., etc. and its speakers do little to enlighten the public on the present-day work of the Movement. Such phrases as "when we came out of the line at Ypres", or "I remember somewhere in Belgium" merely betray the age of the speakers.

The words of Laurence Binyon were written in memory of those who died in the 1914-18 war and a movement which uses these words forever associates itself with that period. A new authorised version is a necessity if

younger men are to be attracted.

On certain occasions our Branch has made enquiries in possible fields of action and has found that others were already there (not Toc H) and doing a good job. In what ways does Toc H differ from W.V.S., Round Table, Church Groups, etc., etc?

Fair thinking readers will not misunderstand this letter nor the spirit in which it is written. People of vision don't look backwards. The motto of this city is 'Forward'. 'Forward' should be our motto too.

T. MILLAR.

Sheldon, Birmingham.

SIR,

The article *Rediscovering Toc H 2*. 'Light' contained much that it was useful to have said again, and said it well. It is the more unfortunate therefore that the author detracted from the usefulness of his article (1) by a statement that is, I suggest, false, and (2) by an implication that is, I suggest, fundamentally unsound.

(1) "... 'Light' ... in the strict sense is not a religious ceremony at all. ..." And this despite the fact that the second part of 'Light' is Rededication expressed "in the brief words at the close (when) we pledge ourselves once more to maintain the flame." In fact, however, we do more: we pray. The author has misled us. The "brief words" of Rededication take the form of a versicle to which the response (said by all) is "And glorify our Father which is in heaven".

This is prayer, and it is nonsense to say that the ceremony of which this prayer is part is "in the strict sense" not religious at all.

(2) But we see why the author is compelled to such fantasies. ("All can join in 'Light'." And "there are men in Toc H ... (who) ... do not profess and call themselves Christians". Since when has Toc H relaxed its Christian character? In supposing that it had not, I err, if err I do, in distinguished company. For a correspondent, not wholly ignorant of Toc H, writes, "One ... who is indeed the Saviour of Mankind. It is indeed His hand that first appointed the Upper Room of Talbot House in Poperinghe ... This is the secret we all confess, and in the Chain of Light renew each year." The sections *What is Toc H?* and *What Toc H is not* in the diary supply convincing proof that, in intention, Toc H is a Christian but interdenominational (not undenominational) society. The plain fact is there should not be "men in Toc H ... (who) ... do not profess and call themselves Christians".

The confused amiability of our author, redolent of the nineteen-twenties, suggests one major reason why Toc H finds itself today in need of a 'Forward Movement'. The world has passed on from the woolly-minded twenties. No movement, at the present time, whether political, religious or social, is making headway without a

definite standpoint. True, to recognise that Toc H is a Christian society and expects its members to profess and call themselves Christians is to limit it, but only in the sense that every movement, be its purpose never so universal, is and must be limited.

E. H. W.

Mark II, London, S.W.1.

The writer of the article referred to, comments:

I was brought up (in the not-so-woolly-minded twenties!) to believe that the fundamental purpose of Toc H was "TO CHange chaps" (it certainly changed me). I think this is still true and I hope there will always be a welcome for the agnostic in our Marks and our Branches.—M.B.E.

DEAR EDITOR,

At our last Branch meeting, we discussed the letter on 'Light' from Ivan M. Taylor.

It was, perhaps, unfortunate that the letter appeared in the same issue of the JOURNAL as the article on 'Light' by Mayne Elson—*Rediscovering Toc H*, as we feel that the answer to the letter is contained in that article. Our thoughts during the Ceremony of Light should not be restricted to Elder Brethren who passed over in the two world wars, but "should include all who have passed over, leaving with us the memory and the example of lives of sacrifice and service".

We feel that the correspondent might possibly belong to a Branch which does not rightly

interpret the meaning of the words in 1954.

Laurence Binyon's words are not out-dated; in fact, they should hold more meaning for us today, than in those first years after the 1914-18 war.

If Ivan Taylor considers the words and their meaning as only of historical interest, then any alternative, such as he suggests, will surely be open to the same shortcomings.

KEN PARKER.

*Arnold & Daybrook,
Nottingham.*

DEAR EDITOR,

Some members may wonder why it is necessary to have in the JOURNAL a series of articles on "Rediscovering Toc H". If there are such, then the letter from Ivan M. Taylor on 'Light', published in the February number, will give them an answer.

I do not propose to offer any comment on that letter; let Ivan Taylor and the members of his Branch read the article by Mayne Elson in the same issue. As one of "younger generation" mentioned I have never construed Binyon's words, used out of context as we use them, as applying merely to those Elder Brethren who died in the 1914-18 war.

The letter however does raise doubts! Not doubts as to the suitability of the Ceremony of Light, but doubts as to whether some people have "discovered" Toc H, let alone whether they need help to "rediscover" it. In our eagerness to spread the Movement and expand are we sacrificing quality for quantity?

We had a lesson in our Branch at the end of the war, when many men were accepted into the Movement who seemed extremely keen and full of the true spirit of the Movement. None of them is with us today. They had not truly "discovered" Toc H.

Have other Branches had similar experiences? Is Ivan Taylor's letter symptomatic of such a state of affairs? If there is such a condition prevalent in the Movement how are we to counteract it? Only, I think, by action on the part of District Teams, who should keep an eye on the Branches in their District. There should be no hesitation in asking the Area Secretary or Padre to address a Branch on Toc H matters.

DAVID HALLAM.
Timperley, Cheshire.

Making Contact

DEAR EDITOR,

A point which I think would be of interest to Branches in general, is that of the use of the printed word.

Hatfield is one of the New Towns, and there must be many potential members of Toc H coming to these new districts; realising this, I drafted out a letter or pamphlet giving a brief résumé of what Toc H is and what it is trying to do. Certain fellow members think that this would be no good at all, and that personal contact is the only way that will bring results.

No one will disagree that personal contact is the ideal,

but surely in a Branch where most of the members are married, and time is a great factor, the circulation of, say, five hundred leaflets is one way of getting Toc H to the notice of newcomers, if possible followed up by "Operation Door-knocker".

It would be interesting and helpful if the opinion of other Branches could be obtained on this point.

IVOR HARDING,
Hatfield, Herts.

Service Opportunities

DEAR EDITOR,

Outside Beverley we have a Royal Signals Depot with six hundred Boy Soldiers in training there with ages ranging from fifteen to seventeen-and-a-half years. The Depot was opened three years ago and at that time the amenities in the town for the Boys were non-existent, the cinemas are closed on Sundays and the Boys could be seen roaming around the town trying to pass the time away. The local Branch opened their rooms to the lads and, in conjunction with the WVS, laid on cups of tea to start with. Now, after eighteen months they can have a meal cheaper than anywhere else in the town, a radio has been installed by the Branch and a reading room has been set apart. On an average two hundred Boys visit the rooms every week-end. Like the Old House, the Chapel is the centre of the Branch and the Upper Room is always open and visited by these Boys.

Through the canteen we have met and co-operated with all other organisations in the town and received wonderful help from them. We wonder how many other Branches are doing the same sort of job?

CHARLES GROSE.

Beverley, East Yorks.

DEAR EDITOR,

Those Branches of Toc H situated in the vicinity of Military Hospitals scattered throughout the country, have an opportunity of performing a unique job of service.

In these days of National Service, when so many of military age are being moved about the country, those requiring medical attention may sometimes find themselves in a military hospital many miles from home. Visits from friends and relatives may be difficult if not impossible.

We in the West Cheshire District have a large Military Hospital on our doorstep in Chester, and have organised regular visitation by all Branches in the District. If anyone knows of some mother's son far from home in Chester, we shall be happy to make contact with him.

Incidentally, there are other Military Hospitals and other Branches. No doubt many are in on this, there may be others who could be.

C. H. HAGUE.

36, Hough Green, Chester.

Basildon bound?

DEAR EDITOR,

Will Secretaries who know of any of their members who have

removed or who are contemplating removing to Basildon New Town please let me have their names and addresses, so that I can get in touch with them? In this way we may be able to keep them in the Family and help on the work of Toc H in Mid-Essex.

W. M. LEMON.

Carnarvon, Cedar Avenue,

Wickford, Essex.

Holiday Haunt

DEAR EDITOR,

Eastbourne Branches (men's and women's) invite members to spend a holiday at their H.Q. if they do not mind a spot of picnicking.

We offer a basement room, with "put-you-up", blankets, pillows, a table and chairs and also use of kitchen complete with gas stove. Unfortunately, we can only take a married couple, or two ladies or a single solitary.

Our terms, including light, heat and gas are 25s. 0d. per week; no extras! Early morning tea, if you get it yourself and, as you get your own grub, you can have whatever you like. Early booking is wise, so please write to "Holidays Sec."

(MRS.) A. STANDIDGE.

268 Victoria Drive,

Eastbourne, Sussex.

Pictures Wanted

DEAR EDITOR,

We have at our schools at Dorton House and Drayton Manor a number of children who though educationally blind

have still a little sight sufficient to appreciate pictures that are colourful and fairly bold. Pictures of animals, birds, farm and sea scenes, flowers, children and famous buildings delight all of them.

If any readers have such pictures and no longer need them we would be most grateful to receive them if they could be addressed to the Headmaster here.

E. J. MANDER.

Hon. Sec. Royal London Society for the Blind.

Dorton House,

Nr. Aylesbury, Bucks.

Tulip Fields

DEAR EDITOR,

Would you please announce, as usual, that Spalding Branch would be pleased to welcome visiting units in their room in Double Street, Spalding, where refreshments will be available.

All we ask is for a post card stating approximate numbers and time of arrival.

ROBERT WATSON.

140, Winsover Road,

Spalding, Lincs.

The General Secretary has received the following letter from the Dean of Westminster:

DEAR MR. CALKIN,

I should be grateful if you could see your way to insert this letter in the next number of the Toc H JOURNAL in order that the readers of the JOURNAL may know how deeply grateful the Dean and Chapter of Westminster are for all the help that has been given to us during the past year by members of Toc H in connection with the Westminster Abbey Appeal. The success which has been achieved has been largely due to the assistance we have received from individuals in all parts of the Commonwealth who have been ready to give up time and money in order to ensure that Westminster Abbey may be handed on to future generations in a good state of repair as a centre of Christian worship. In this good work Toc H nobly played its part.

Yours sincerely,

ALAN C. DON.

The Deanery, Westminster.

HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

Small advertisements must be received (with remittance) by the first day of month preceding publication. The charge is 6d. a word (minimum 6s.). Editorial Office: Toc H, 47 Francis Street, London, S.W.1

CLIFTONVILLE (Margate), Yenton Private Hotel, Norfolk Rd. Ideal for Health, Holidays and Honeymooners. Welcomes Members & Friends. Terms 4½ to 6½ gns. children pro rata. Reduced terms for Pensioners, Convalescents and Nurses. Early and late Season. Open all the Year. S.A.E. for Brochure to—Harry V. Glew (Member Toc H Margate). Tel. Thanet 210531.

WARDEN MANOR celebrates its 21st anniversary. Vic and his wife 'Bill' also came as wardens in 1933. All wishing to book Spring and Summer holidays are invited to enquire now.

The cost, apart from optional coach excursions, is £4 10s. 0d. weekly. There are a few double rooms available but for single people there are comfortable beds in large multiple rooms. Warden Manor is on the sea-edge at Eastchurch ('Phone 238), Kent.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE
'Rosemary' 27, Oakford Avenue—Bed & Breakfast. Tea if required. Nice locality. A 'Toc H' welcome. Visitors book:—"Extremely comfortable, clean, good breakfast". Car room. Central. Book early. Mrs. D. Strickland.